

# OUTFITTER'S HORSE DRIVE

October 2 – 4 2009

This **three day event** moves the outfitter's horses from Leavenworth to the Ranch in the Entiat Valley.

**Andy Mills** of Ellensburg WA will be head cook. Andy specializes in Dutch Oven Cooking and is the author of a series of books by that name. Unlike the old days, you can plan on **great meals** during this horse drive.

Dinner is followed by **nightly entertainment** by local cowboy singers and poets and a number of talented guest wranglers. If you play, sing, do poetry or stories, come prepared and jump right into the nightly programs.

## **PRIOR TO THE HORSE DRIVE:**

Sign up and payment is due before September 15<sup>th</sup>. The trip may be full by mid-summer so don't delay. Make sure that we have your Sign Up Form, Payment Form with your \$100/person deposit or payment in full, and the signed Liability Agreement. These forms should have been mailed to you along with this information packet.

## **THE SHUTTLE:**

We provide a shuttle from the Ranch on Thursday starting at noon. We recommend that you arrive on Thursday and drive to the Ranch to leave your rig. The shuttle will take you back to the Leavenworth camp where the ride begins. Dinner is served at the camp Thursday night. If riding your own horse, drop your horses and gear at the Leavenworth camp before drive over to Entiat. **Shuttle times are: 12 noon, 3pm and 6pm** The sign up form will let us know which shuttle you plan to take on Thursday. Ranch is at 5696 Entiat River Road, zip 98822 (4 miles up river).

Your vehicle's security should be best at the Ranch. It is okay to park at the Leavenworth camp but that area is public land and more isolated. It is a good idea to leave nothing of value in your vehicle at either location. You are solely responsible for your vehicle and items left in it. For those parking at Leavenworth, **shuttles will be provided back to the East Van Creek camp** on Sunday afternoon.

## **WHAT TO BRING:**

This packet includes a What to Bring List. Most people do bring their own **tents** and **saddle bags** but we have some for those who need them. The list is meant to assist you in planning and is not intended to limit what you bring. Note: Camps will be at 5000 feet elevation. Nights may be COLD (30 degrees). Use a sleeping pad and good sleeping bag or bring an extra blanket; you will enjoy the trip more if you sleep warm. For safety reasons, **no pets** on this trip.

## **ARRIVING IN CAMP:**

Please check in at the cook tent so we know that you have arrived. There will be crew members there who will assist in parking, show highline areas and suggest tent spots.

## **RIDING YOUR OWN HORSE:**

We provide hay and water. You are welcome to bring special feed if you wish. You are welcome to provide a highline for your horse or use ones that we have set up, you will be responsible for the care and feeding (using our hay if you like). Please limit the number of horses to just those that you are riding (one horse/rider).

Please make sure that your livestock are properly immunized, in good health, and properly shod prior to bringing them on the Horse Drive. Please notify us of any dangerous tendency your horse may have; kicking or biting so we can flag their tail or halter to warn others.

### **RIDING AN OUTFITTER HORSE:**

If riding one of our trail wise horses, the regular crew will take care of the highline, feeding, brushing and saddling; **you are more than welcome to help**. Saddle bags will be provided if you do not have your own. There will be plenty of help both in camp and during the ride. If something does not seem right, notify a crew member immediately so your mount, tack, cinch, etc can be checked.

### **EMERGENCIES:**

We have cell phone service during most of the ride.

In case of a **family emergency you can be reached at (#provided at booking)**. In the event that we are not receiving service at that moment, a message can be left which can be retrieved as soon as the signal returns.

### **IN CAMP:**

Andy and his cooks will prepare a hot **Breakfast and Dinner**. **Lunches** will be provided and eaten on the trail during a lunch break. Camp will include only one **campfire**; it will be at the entertainment area. No campfires other than the one that is approved for the camp. Forest fire prevention is a major goal at this time of year. The “**hospitality tent**” will have warm water for washing up as well as hot drinks and water. Portable chemical **toilets** are provided at each camp. You should carry toilet paper in the saddle bags; if nature calls, let a wrangler know so companion horses will stay back with your horse. You will be responsible for setting up and packing up your sleeping tent and personal gear. After breakfast you will take your gear to a designated spot for pickup and transport to the next camp.

### **ENTERTAINMENT:**

Enjoy music & cowboy poetry around the campfire each night. If you play an instrument, you are welcome to bring it along , do western poetry or tell stories, join in. **We want you to participate** and enjoy the evening entertainment.

### **SMOKING:**

Smoking in camp and during riding breaks is permitted. Please be courteous to other guests and properly dispose of matches and cigarette butts (extinguish and put into mineral soil). **NO SMOKING while on your horse.**

### **ALCOHOL:**

You are welcome to bring your own **alcoholic drinks for consumption in camp**. Ice Chests may be brought along. Alcoholic beverages will not be provided.

### **TRASH:**

Leave each campsite spotless; pick up after yourself and others. Large trash bags are provided.

### **ON THE TRAILS:**

Be aware that **riders have a varied level of horse and trail riding experience**. Horses also have varied experience, training and temperaments. Keep your horse a comfortable distance away from other horses. If your horse has even the slightest tendency to kick at another horse, please flag the tail. Flagging can be obtained from one of the wranglers. Use caution when riding up on other horses. Loose horses (mules) and horses that are unfamiliar are more likely to kick or be kicked.

**Safety is above all**. Please bring mounts that get along well with others. This is a time for you and your horse to enjoy some time together. This is not a good time or place to train your horse. There are too many horses, people and possible hazards around for this weekend to be used as a training session.

**Avoid congested areas**; riding your horse into an area congested with other horses or people can dangerous for all. When tying in the vicinity of other horses, please leave enough space between each animal so they don't become tangled or kick each other. **Tie tight enough**; only allowing enough slack in the rope so the horse (or mule) can reach the ground directly under its head. Too much rope may result in tangles and injury. Guest wranglers riding outfitter horses will have assistance as needed.

**Our goal is to have a fun safe trip** filled with laughter and fun riding. Anytime you need assistance or have a question please do not hesitate to ask one of our crew members. We are there to help see that you have an enjoyable experience and return again next season for one of our trips.

**HOW DOES A HORSE DRIVE WORK?**

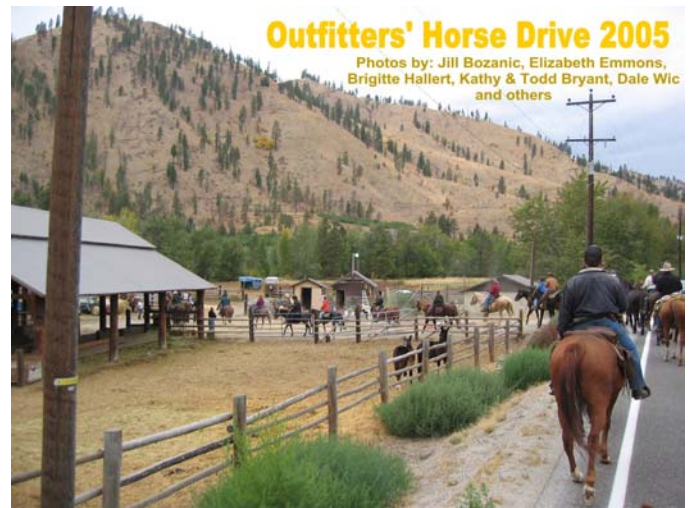
There will be 50 to 60 horses on this trip. A large percentage of the horses will be ridden. The majority of loose horses will be led and few horses may be loose. It is your choice to help lead the horses, trail the loose horses, or simply hang back and enjoy the ride. Our regular crew wranglers will be mixed in so you will always be in close contact with one of our wranglers; please ask for assistance as needed.

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We look forward to riding with each of you. Please don't hesitate to give us a call:



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Arriving at the Ranch

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## WHAT TO BRING LIST

Your camp gear should be in a large duffle bag or some other easy to handle container (labeled with your name). Other things will go with you on your horse in the saddle bags. Camp is moved by truck & trailer so come prepared for comfort.

### **SADDLE BAGS:** (suggested items)

- Saddle Bags (bring your own if you have them) We also provide them for those on our horses.
- Camera
- Knife
- Water bottle (lunch will have 16 to 32 oz depending on weather)
- Warm jacket (temperatures could range from 70 to 35 degrees).
- Poncho or raincoat and pants.
- Riding boots
- Hat – broad brimmed
- Gloves
- Sunscreen & Chapstick
- Toilet paper or tissue
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Sunglasses

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CONTAIN WHAT YOU MAY  
WANT OR NEED DURING THE  
DAY'S RIDE.

### **CAMP GEAR:** (suggested items; bring what you think you may want)

- Sleeping Bag
- Sleeping Pad
- Tent (we also supply tents but you may want to use your own)
- Camp shoes and other comfortable camp clothes
- Warm clothes for early morning and evening
- Change of clothes; socks, etc.
- Personal hygiene items, biodegradable soap, towel
- Small wash basin
- Musical instrument for the campfire programs are very welcome
- Folding chair
- Camp flashlight
- Horse care items if you're riding your own horse.
- Ice chest for adult beverages; we provide nonalcoholic drinks.
- A favorite cup or mug.
- Anything you may want in camp.

# Outfitters' Horse Drive

## Trip Itinerary

### 2009

#### **THURSDAY, Oct. 1**

Many guest wranglers arrive Thursday. You may park at the Entiat Ranch and take the noon, 3pm or 6pm Shuttle back to the camp. It works well to have your truck or car at the end of the ride. Dinner is served at the Leavenworth camp on East Van Creek. Please check in at the cook tent when you arrive. Note: For those riding their own horses; off load at the East Van Creek camp before going to Entiat.

#### **FRIDAY, Oct. 2**

If you arrive on Friday morning, please check in at the cook tent. Breakfast is served from 8 to 9 am. We will be on the trail around 10am. The ride takes us to the top of the Entiat Ridge with lunch at French Corrals. We continue east on the Entiat Mountains to camp on Roaring Ridge. The ride is 11.5 miles with nice views of the Wenatchee Valley, Glacier Peak and Central Cascades. Dinner served from 6 to 7pm. Campfire music, poetry and laughs.....

#### **SATURDAY, Oct. 3**

Breakfast from 8 to 9am. Saddle and mount by 10am. The ride takes us along the top of the Entiat Mountains all day with great views in all directions. Lunch stop at Chumstick Lookout. Camp is at the top of Dinkleman Ridge. The ride is 11 beautiful miles. Dinner served followed by the campfire entertainment.

#### **SUNDAY, Oct. 4**

Breakfast from 8 to 9am. Mount up by 10am. The ride takes us to the end of the Entiat Ridge, into the Columbia River Breaks and down Mills Canyon to lunch and on to the Entiat Ranch. This 12.5 mile ride concludes with a great feeling of success as the horses and mules arrive at the home ranch for the winter season. SHUTTLE is provided for anyone who parked at the East Van Creek camp.

The Horse Drive is a great trip for anyone who enjoys the western life style, mountain views, and autumn colors. It is a fun trip for the photographer as well as those who just loves to ride. Much of the area we ride through was burned in 1994 and 1988 offering a great opportunity to see a recovering forest and yellow larch (tamarack) trees. Fall is a wonderful time for riding; there are few bugs and it's not too hot for you or your horse. Join us for a wonderful weekend.

Mail the Information form, Payment Form (with deposit or payment).

We hope that you will be able to join us this October. We also have fun rides and pack trips all summer long and look forward to spending some time in the saddle with you anytime June through October.

Sign Up mail using the following forms and deposit of \$100/person:

1. Guest Wrangler Information Form
2. Payment Form (with deposit or payment in full)
3. Liability Agreement (initial and sign even if riding your own horse)

Let us know if you would prefer to have these forms and the information packet mailed to you by US Mail or email.

